



**ARIZONA READY EDUCATION COUNCIL  
GRADUATION RATE TASKFORCE**

**April 16, 2013 @ 3:00 p.m.**

**Executive Tower**

**1700 W. Washington**

**Gran Canyon Conference Room**

**Phoenix, AZ 85007**

**AGENDA**

*The Arizona Ready Education Council (Council) Graduation Rate Taskforce will discuss and may take action on the following matters. Members will attend either in person or by telephone conference call. Public comment will be taken. The public will be allotted three minutes each to address the Taskforce during the Call to the Public section of the agenda.*

**Vision: By 2020, Arizona will be home to the best students and the best schools in the nation.**

**Mission: To monitor progress towards Arizona's rigorous education goals and determine if reform strategies are improving student learning, and to ensure the fidelity of implementation of Arizona Ready.**

**Goals:**

- Increase the percentage of third graders meeting state reading standards to 94% in 2020 from 70% in 2010;
- Increase the percentage of eighth graders achieving at or above basic on the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) to 85% in 2020 from 67% in math and 68% in reading in 2010;
- **Raise the high school graduation rate to 93% in 2020 from 73% in 2010;** and
- Double the number of students receiving baccalaureate degrees to 36,000 per year.

## Attendance Sheet

Member	Present	Phone	Absent
Cathleen Barton			
Rhian Allvin			
Patti Bertram			
Rusty Bowers			
Dan Brown			
Mark Dobbins			
Pearl Esau			
Marv Lamer			
Amanda McAdams			
Diane McCarthy			
Amy Schlessman			
Kent Scribner			
Darcy Renfro			
Tom Tyree			
Carolyn Warner			
Merl Waschler			
Vince Yanez			
Jim Zaharis			
<b>Total Attendance (quorum &gt; 9)</b>			

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1. Call to Order, Welcome, & Introductions

Merl Waschler

Meeting Objectives:

- Grad Rate Research Update
- In-Depth Discussion of Taskforce Recommendation 4
- Revised White Paper for Taskforce Recommendation 1

**ACTION: Take attendance.**

**ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.**

Following opening remarks, introduce the purpose of this meeting, which is to discuss one of the taskforce's recommendations in-depth, review the research project, and review the previous recommendation on CTE relevance.

**ACTION: Take attendance.**

**ACTION: Move to approve minutes from previous meeting.**

**3:00 – 3:10pm**

2. Update: Graduation Rate Research Project

Kerry McConnell

**3:10 – 3:40pm**

3. Discussion: Support Early Warning System

Rebecca Gau

- Review white paper

**3:40 – 4:15pm**

4. Discussion: Recognize that CTE Provides Relevance

Rebecca Gau

- Review revised white paper

**4:15 – 4:35pm**

5. Council Comments

Council Members

- Next Steps
- 2013 Taskforce Meeting Schedule
  - May 21

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- June 19
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17

**4:35 – 4:50pm**

**6. Call to the Public**

**Council Members**

**Please note that public comments not specific to agenda items cannot be addressed by the Taskforce. Public members wishing to address the Taskforce are limited to 3 minutes.**

**4:50 – 5:00pm**

**7. Adjourn**

**Merl Waschler**

**ACTION: Move to adjourn.**

**ACTION: Move to adjourn.**

**5:00pm**

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